for utilisation in 1986-87. On receipt of memorandum from the State Government, a Central Team visited the State from 11th to 14th May, 1986 for assessing the requirement of additional Central assistance for drought relief. Further Central assistance to the Government of Maharashtra will be sanctioned shortly, on the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief.

Stoppage of operations of deep sea fishing vessels

1088. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that some Indian parties, who had acquired deep sea fishing vessels under the Export-oriented scheme, were stopped from operating their vessels during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have received any representations in this regard and if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) what was the period for which Government stopped the operations of the said vessels and what were the consequences of such stoppage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Operation of deep sea vessels imported by two companies under ICC °/\ expert oriented scheme was stopped in February/March, 1986 as they failed to obtain Government's approval on the specifications of the vessels to be imported.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The representation was received by the Government. The period of stoppage was 20 days. However, as a result of the action taken by the Government, the companies duly submitted proposals with specifications of the vessels to the Government for clearance of impor

Enhancement of licence fee by NDMC

1089. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of URBAN DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the New Delhi Municipal Committee has received any representation against the enhancement of 30 per cent in the licence fee of certain shops of nine NDMC markets during the last 3 years ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vide its Resolution No. 127 dated 18-6-85, the Ccrrmittee has decided to reduce the enhancement from 30 percent to 15 percent. No enhancement in licerxe fee, however, has been made where shops were allotted prior to 1969 or as rehabilitation measure.

Crop Insurance Scheme

1090. SHRI PRAMCD MAHAJA> : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the r^n-es of ike districts in variciis States to which Crop Insursrce Scheme has been exten ded and the additional ones likely to be covered in 1986-87;

(b) whether farmers' animals are also covered by the scheme, if not, the reasons therefor; and